

*Megan Gale wears...*

# LUXE BOHO

*Striking colours, shimmering sequins and ethnic prints  
are perfect for steamy days and sultry nights*

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Portmans cotton tank,  
\$60; 1800-670-600.  
Michael Lo Sordo  
silk dress, \$1,000;  
michaelloosordo.com.

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*"I wear a lot of black, but I do like to experiment with colour, especially in the warmer months."*



THIS PAGE: Ralph Lauren Blue Label cotton top, \$199.95, and cotton jumper, \$299; 1800-501-201. Ralph Lauren Collection sequined-cashmere pants, \$17,000, leather belt, \$249, and plastic sandals, \$349; 1800-501-201. OPPOSITE: Etro silk caftan, \$1,250; at Christine, 03-9654-2011.





Andrea's silk dress with  
floral-embroidered detail,  
\$1,495 at David Jones,  
133 St. Myland Home,  
waterhyacinthmat,  
2025 02-9310 1300



*"These colours are my  
favourites for summer.  
It's a beautiful dress  
that will take you from  
day into evening."*

THIS PAGE: Andrew G.N. silk dress  
with glass-resin beaded detail,  
\$2,999; at David Jones, 13 33 33  
Hotel Bondi lycra bikini  
(worn underneath), \$49;  
hotelbondiswim.com  
Etro leather heels, \$450; at  
Dio Diato, 02-9388 2907  
COPPOCOTE: Missoni silk-rayon  
cardigan, \$2,999; at David Jones,  
13 33 33 Lisa Ho silk dress (worn  
underneath), \$769; 02-8303 7888  
Pellini obsidian and resin necklace,  
\$1,600; at Christine, 03-9654 2011

"I'M VERY TALL AND VERY CURVY," SAYS MEGAN GALE of her famous figure. Her sultry looks and sexy shape are pure glamour, but as she divulges the secrets of dressing her frame, the 180cm vivacious beauty proves she's easygoing and down-to-earth. "I try to show off what I think are my best features," she explains, also admitting with a cheery smile, "if I hadn't have been involved in the fashion industry, I wouldn't have known much!"

With her successful modelling career and role as ambassador for David Jones, the Perth-born brunette is one of Australia's most recognised faces. She initially rose to fame in Italy, and spent almost seven years living there, while working in both Australia and her adopted European home. The decision to return to Australia in 2006 filled her with mixed emotion. "It was hard to leave, but I was ready to come home. Leaving Australia [to go to Italy] meant putting friends, family and relationships on the backburner. I was missing all that potential stability. I wanted to integrate it back into my life."

These days, Gale has carved out the stability she so craved: she calls Sydney home and is in a long-term relationship with comedian Andy Lee, 28. Despite the fact he lives in Melbourne, the two see each other regularly: "I have a lot of frequent flyer points," Gale laughs. She cites his influence on her as very positive: "I went through a manic phase of life—going from no work to extreme work, from being anonymous to being recognised. It was very strange. I used to get quite anxious. He [Lee] is so relaxed, and very good at putting things into perspective. I've learnt a lot from him."

At 34, Gale's career is now taking a new turn. Her desire is to act, and that dream appears about to come true. She has a role in upcoming Australian comedy *I Love You, Too* and has been travelling to Los Angeles to meet casting agents and studio executives. The determination to establish her career, and her commitment to her partner prove one thing Gale is focused on following her dreams. She says this is her greatest strength. "Whether it's to my family, my partner, or my work, I'm 100 per cent dedicated." And no doubt, that's why her star will continue to rise. —awwya

Erickson Beamon semi-precious stone and crystal earrings, \$195, at Belinda, 02-9233 0781.  
My Island Home pandanus mat (background), \$190, 02-9376 8760.  
Hair: Renya Wyds.  
Make-up: Noni Smith.

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